GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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DETAILS DUE TO HIGH RADIATION LEVELS
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have denied reported deaths of animals in villages in and around Pokhran due to high radiation levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINIST OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a),(b) & (c) There is no question of any adverse health effect on animals leave alone death due to radiation as there is no increase in background radiation levels in and around Pokhran. Also the Government has not received any report regarding the death of animals in the villages in and around Pokhran due to high radiation levels after the Pokhran nuclear tests. Further Environment Surveillance has confirmed that there is no increase in the background radiation levels which will result in health hazard to the human and animal population in this area.